



## Commission on Climate, Energy and Sustainability

February 27, 2019, 2:30 P.M.

Ward 2 Meeting room

7575 E Speedway

Tucson, Arizona 85710

### Minutes

Approved on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019

#### 1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Gallego at 2:34 P.M.

Those present and absent were:

Neil Saunders	Representative, Mayor's Office
Vanesa Gallego (Vice Chairperson)	Representative, Ward 1
Hank J. Krzysik	Representative, Ward 2
Robert Bulechek	Representative, Ward 3
Jim Sell	Representative, Ward 6
Sergio Avila	Representative, City Manager's Office
Nelda Ruiz	Representative, City Manager's Office
Justin Orkney	Representative, City Manager's Office

#### Absent:

Jennifer J. Allen (Chairperson)	Representative, City Manager's Office
Luis Perales	Representative, Ward 5
VACANT	Representative, Ward 4

#### Staff Members Present:

Michael Catanzaro	Energy Manager, Environmental & General Services Department (EGSD)
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#### 2. Approval of Minutes

Commission Member Bulechek made a motion to approve the minutes for January 23, 2019 meeting. Commission Member Avila seconded the motion. Motion passed by a voice vote of 8 to 0, none opposed.

### **3. Commissioner check-in reports**

Hank Krzysik, Ward 2 – Councilmember Cunningham has interest to promote HOA solar and wonders about burying all utilities.

Justin Orkney, City Manager – EGSD department head Carlos de La Torre recommended that the commission focus on city operations rather than the whole city. Focus to include decreasing resource use such as fleet fuel, paper use, brush and bulky (i.e. reducing waste stream). It was noted that the city has ~1000 less employees than 2008 and perhaps office spaces could be consolidated.

Robert Bulechek, Ward 3 – a stakeholders meeting for EV infrastructure was planned.

Vanessa Gallego, Ward 1 – Councilmember Romero noted a number of issues to work on: Electrification of transit, prioritizing solar, community water harvesting, EV Infrastructure, heat island, climate resiliency plan, equity (women, children, people of color)

### **4. Attendance Discussion**

Motion to table discussion by commissioner Krzysik until bylaws are amended to concur with COT ordinance (dismissal after 4 consecutive absences). Motion was seconded by commissioner Sell.

### **5. Subcommittee Reports**

Education – Proposal for a cooperative effort between the city and Changemaker High school and Prescott college was submitted to the commission. The scope of the proposal was collaborative effort to create and host the previously described survey. Analysis of the survey will also be addressed. Commission Member Sell made a motion to send the proposal to Mayor and Council. Commission member Avila seconded. Motion passed on a voice vote of 8 to 0, none opposed.

Solid Waste – Proposal to allocate staff and direct city to establish benchmarks for city departments was discussed. Subcommittee will meet to work on proposal and share. Discussion included agenda item 8.

### **6. Energy Manager's Report**

Energy manager Catanzaro briefly talked about solar projects in Tucson. A short presentation in regard to the city joining the 2030 district followed. Beginning to develop benchmarks, Development of an index rating for buildings, 21 city building in the district with 2-2.5 million square feet.

**7. Presentation – John Eisele 2030 District (moved to item 3)**

John Eisele presented on the 2030 district. He noted that the district is partnership of Building owners, managers and developers who voluntarily set out to achieve goals in regard to their buildings resource use.

**8. Recycling: Goals and Information**

This item was discussed previously and was considered settled.

**9. Future Agenda items**

- Bylaws
- Power plant tour – dates to consider 3/27, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24.
- SWEEP – Southwest Energy Efficiency Program – speaker

**10. Call to Audience**

Bruce Plenck – Email to Mayor and City manager to inquire about dedicated city staff for sustainability is waiting on a response. Funding for new staff could be helped by a letter from CCES. Budget to be finalized in June. Councilmember Romero filled a letter to ACC in regard to TEP looking to end tree program. Plumbing code update in the city – city should consider a more restrictive plumbing code.

**11. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:34 PM.